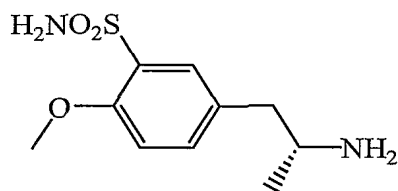


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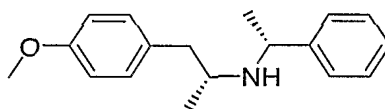
1. A method of preparation of (R)-(-)-5-(2-aminopropyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulfonamide
 5 of formula I



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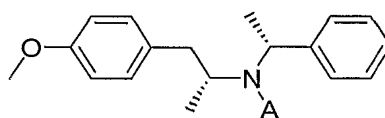
10 characterized in that

- a. a protecting group is introduced to N-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl]-N-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amine of formula VIII



VIII

15 to obtain an amide of formula IX

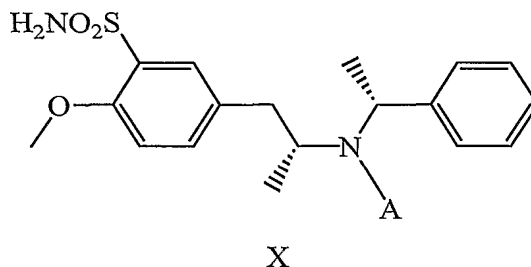


IX,

20 wherein A can be an acyl having 2 to 8 carbons,

- b. whereupon the amide of formula IX is chlorosulfonated and the resulting
 25 sulfochloride is converted to a sulfonamide of formula X

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wherein A is as defined above,

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c. and the sulfonamide of formula X is hydrogenated to obtain the compound of formula I.

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2. The method according to claim 1 characterized in that the protecting group A is an acyl, preferably acetyl.

3. The method according to claim 2 characterized in that acetic anhydride at 50 to 100 °C is used as the acetylation agent.

4. The method according to claim 1 characterized in that the sulfochloride resulting from chlorosulfonation is not isolated and is directly converted to the sulfonamide with ammonia.

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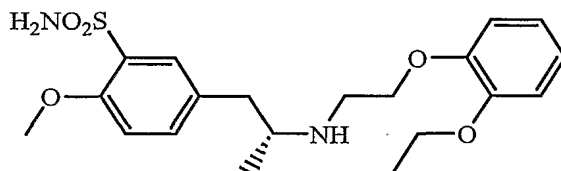
5. The method according to claim 4 characterized in that chlorosulfonation takes place in methylenechloride at -30 to +30 °C.

6. The method according to claim 1 characterized in that hydrogenation is carried out under catalysis with palladium.

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7. The method according to claim 6 characterized in that the catalyst is 3% Pd/C with 50% water content at a pressure of 1 to 5 MPa and a temperature of 50 to 100 °C.

8. A method of preparation of (R)-(-)-5-[2-[2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino]propyl]-2-methoxybenzenesulfonamide of formula II

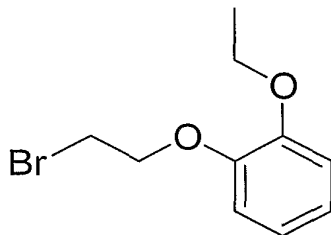


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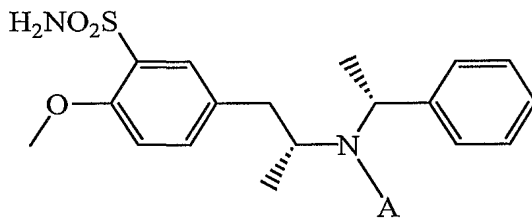
characterized in that the intermediate of formula I produced according to any of the preceding claims is used for the synthesis.

9. The method according to claim 8 characterized in that intermediate I is reacted with a compound of formula IV



IV

10. A sulfonamide of formula X



X

wherein A is as defined in claim 1.

11. The sulfonamide according to claim 10, wherein A is acetyl.